
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date: May 18, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Chairman Harrison

Time Called to Order: 5:30pm

Attendance:

Chairman Harrison, Councilman Collier, Councilman Newport, Councilman Snow, Chief Williams, Chief Dagnan, Morgan Housh, Nate Dally, Mayor Dan Rife, Tom Short, David Armstrong,

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Snow made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizen participation was present at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Dagnan presented for Cherry Babcock due to the COVID-19 and having the zoom meeting. Cherry Babcock would like to have a Carthage Square jamboree on June 6, 2020. This is a folk art type of festival that will be held on the north side of the square from 8:00am to 4:00pm. She is requesting the north side of the square to be closed during those hours. She is aware that there may be some Governor's guidelines that she may have to abide by. Councilman Snow made a motion to close the North side of the Square on June 6th from 8am-4pm for the Folk Art Festival. Motion passed.
2. Councilman Newport discussed his concerns with the committee on how he felt that in February there was no decisions made for the citizens on the Pit bull discussion/ Carthage Code of Ordinances. He would like a repeal of section 4-5.1 – Pit bulldogs prohibited of the Carthage Code of Ordinances. After lengthy discussion with the committee, Councilman Newport made a motion to send this repeal to council. The motion did not pass. Councilman Newport voted yes, Chairman Harrison, Councilman Collier, and Councilman Snow all voted no.
3. Councilman Newport is requesting a council bill be drafted to accomplish instituting reporting requirements regarding police use and/or acquisition of surveillance technology. Councilman Newport is concerned with the way that some law enforcement surveillance technology could be used to capture pictures of citizens without them knowing and where and how long those photos are stored. Chief Dagnan spoke for the CPD that they are currently not using any surveillance technology (such as ring doorbell systems, or the license plate reader). However when an individual is in a public place it is not illegal to take a photo of them out in public. The City Attorney, Nate Dally, also spoke with the committee again when things are done in public it is not a violation if a photo is taken being that it was done in public. Also that if the committee were to want a bill for the city he would have to draft something that was tailored to the City of Carthage and then the committee would have to go back through and decide what parts they would like approved and then send to full council. After lengthy discussion between the committee members, Councilman Newport made a motion to table the discussion till there is a draft ordinance and bring back to June meeting. Motion did not get majority votes. Councilman Newport and Councilman Collier voted yes, Chairman Harrison and Councilman Snow voted no. The motion failed.

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4. Staff reports

a. Fire Department

- i. The Fire Department received an anonymous donation of a gas grill that was delivered by Lowes last week. Chief Williams asked for permission to accept the donation of the gas grill. Councilman Collier made a motion to forward to full council in the form of a resolution to accept the anonymous donation of a gas grill to the Carthage Fire Department. The motion passed.
- ii. The CFD has a washer extractor bid out currently. The bid packets will be opened on Friday.
- iii. The CFD has a new fire engine ordered and should be in production quickly and projected completion as of right now is August 15, 2020.
- iv. Will be looking at ordering new PPE (bunker gear) for 5 fireman before the end of this budget year.
- v. Finishing up few small projects at Station 2
 1. The CPD is currently operating out of the training room due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- vi. ISO has given credit for Station 2 and some residence have seen the benefit of the lower insurance rates.

b. Police Department

- i. The CPD is waiting for the Governor's guidelines on June 1st to come out. They have ran a few COVID calls, have been able to get lots of information to the public about the pandemic, and have also made changes to City Staff COVID meeting dates.
- ii. Chief Dagnan updated the committee on the Humane Society numbers.

Councilman Collier made a few closing comments on how he has enjoyed being on this committee and how this would be his last meeting.

Councilman Snow made a few closing comments to the council members who will be leaving the committee.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilman Snow made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2020

Next Meeting Location: TBD

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